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SUBJECT: HELIO COURIER AIRCRAFT TO SOUTH AFRICA, PRE AND

1. PRE-LICENSE CHECK: CASE 171368 JOHN -  
REQUESTS EXPORT LICENSE TO SHIP (6) HELIO MODEL H-295 WITH  
AVIONICS VALUED AT 423,192 DOLLARS TO UNITED AIR  
SERVICES, WONDERBOOM AIRPORT, PRETORIA. END USE STATED,  
"NORMAL CIVILIAN AND COMMERCIAL AIR TRANSPORTATION IN THE  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA." PLEASE OBTAIN INFORMATION ON  
HOW CRAFT WILL BE USED, AND WHETHER THEY ARE FOR CONSIGNEE'S  
OWN USE. IF FOR RESALE, TO WHOM?

2. POST LICENSING CHECKS, CASES 154469, 154470, & 121182  
(A) EXPORT APPROVAL WAS GRANTED JULY 1974 TO SAME PRINCIPALS FOR ONE 295 AIRCRAFT. APPLICANT INFORMED BY LETTER THAT LICENS- GRANTED ON UNDERSTANDING RESALE AND USE IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA WILL BE LIMITED TO NORMAL CIVILIAN/COMMERCIAL END-USERS FOR SUCH END-USE. ANY SALES  
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TO, OR USE BY, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA GOVERNMENTAL UNITS,

PARTICULARLY THE POLICE OR THE MILITARY, WOULD REQUIRE SEPARATE AUTHORIZATION.

(3) ON MARCH 26, 1975, SAME PRINCIPALS WERE AUTHORIZED SHIPMENT TWO HELIO H-295 AIRCRAFT, EACH VALUED AT 70,000 DOLLARS. THE STATED END-USES WERE, "TRANSPORTATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA." AUTHORIZATION WAS CONDITIONED AS FOLLOWS, "THIS LICENSE IS GRANTED ON THE BASIS OF CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF BOTH APPLICANT AND CONSIGNEE THAT: (A) THE END-USE IS FOR NORMAL CIVILIAN AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSE IN SOUTH AFRICA ONLY. (B) RESALE TO AND USE BY GOVERNMENT ENTITIES REQUIRE SEPARATE AND SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. (C) REEXPORT FROM SOUTH AFRICA OF SUBJECT AIRCRAFT REQUIRES SEPARATE AND SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. (D) SUBJECT AIRCRAFT WILL NOT BE USED IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA., (C) WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CHECK AND COMMENTS AS TO THE OBSERVANCE OF ABOVE CITED CONDITIONS. ARE PLANES IN CONSIGNEE'S USE, OR SET THEY HAVE BEEN RESOLD, TO WHOM AND FOR WHAT END USE?

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION. DURING EARLY 1974 JOHN ROBERTS REQUESTED LICENSE SHIP ONE HUNDRED SUBJECT TYPE CRAFT VALUED AT 7,150,000 DOLLARS TO UNITED AIR SERVICES FOR GENERAL UTILITY PURPOSES, TRAINING, PATROL IN SOUTH AFRICA., APPLICANT COULD NOT SUPPLY INFORMATION INDICATING FIRM ORDERS OR EXISTENCE OF SPECIFIC CUSTOMERS. IN VIEW USG CONCERN OVER SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY AND - POLICE USE US CIVIL AIRCRAFT, REQUEST WAS NOT APPROVED AND COMPANY WAS INFORMED USG PREPARED TO APPROVE REASONABLE NUMBERS OF CRAFT FOR ACCEPTABLE CIVILIAN AND COMMERCIAL END-USES. APPLICANT EVINced NO FURTHER INTEREST IN APPLICATION. OBVIOUSLY, THIS WAS REQUEST FOR FISHING LICENSE AS PART OF INTERNATIONAL MARKETING EFFORT. APPLICATIONS FOR ONE OR TWO PLANES, CITED IN PARA TWO ABOVE, WERE APPROVED WITH STRONG CONDITIONS. TIME HAS COME TO ASCERTAIN WHAT CONSIGNEE IS DOING WITH AIRCRAFT.

4. RELATED TRANSACTION. HELIO AIRCRAFT COMPANY DIVI-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SION OF GENERAL AIRCRAFT CORPORATION, WHO IS MANUFACTURER OF SUBJECT CRAFT, HAS REQUESTED USG AUTHORIZATION SELL TECHNOLOGY AND TOOLING TO UNIDENTIFIED SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESS LEADERS FOR PRODUCTION AND MARKETING SUBJECT CRAFT. COMPANY INDICATES AIRCRAFT IS NOW OBSOLETE AND US PRODUCTION WAS TERMINATED SEPTEMBER 1974. FUNDS RECEIVED FROM TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER REPORTEDLY WOULD BE USED IN PRODUCTION OF NEW ADVANCED HELIO AIRCRAFT. ANY INFOR-

MATION EMBASSY CAN DEVELOP THIS TRANSACTION APPRECIATED.

5. FYI - COMMERCE TECHNICAL FILES INDICATE THIS IS  
SINGLE PISTON POWERED, PERSONAL AND UTILITY AIRCRAFT,  
NORMALLY NON-MILITARY. IT IS CONTROLLED/SHORT TAKE-OFF  
PLANE THAT IS STALL PROOF IN MANEUVERS IN CONFINED

AREAS AND OFF-AIRPORT OPERATIONS, E.G. JUNGLES, GLACIERS,  
DESERT, DIRT AND ;UD. WITH STANDARD EQUIPMENT A GENERAL  
PURPOSE CRAFT, PRESUMABLY CAN BE MODIFIED FOR NON-COMBAT  
MILITARY END-USES. CARRIES SIX PERSONS OR AT LEAST ONE  
HALF TON OF CARGO.

6. ACTION - PLEASE REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

7. CHANGE PAGE TWO, PARA 2(C) LINE THREE TO"OR IF THEY  
HAVE BEEN RESOLD, TO WHOM AND FOR WHAT END USE?" INGERSOLL

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